



## Lorrayne Garton

October 7, 1917 – January 11, 2011

Lorrayne Garton, 93, longtime resident of Keith and Garden Counties, passed away Tuesday, January 11, 2011 in the Garden County Nursing Home in Oshkosh.

Lorrayne, daughter of Anton and Sylvia (Brezina) Lanka, was born October 7, 1917 at St. Paul, Nebraska. After her mother's death in 1925, the family moved to Broken Bow where Lorrayne attended school. After graduation from high school, she attended and graduated from Nebraska State Teacher's College in Kearney. Lorrayne's teaching career of nearly fifty years began in a rural school near Nelson. She also taught in Arthur, Garden, and Keith Counties.

Lorrayne married J. Glenn Garton on April 15, 1946 in Carson City, Nevada. The couple resided on the Garton Ranch in Arthur County until 1952 when they relocated to a farm west of Lewellen. In 1965 the family moved to a ranch northwest of Lake McConaughy. Lorrayne was a member of the Lewellen United Methodist Church where she served in the United Methodist Women's group for many years. She and Glenn were actively involved in the development of the Lewellen Youth Center in the 1960s. Her hobbies included knitting, gardening, reading, and playing bridge.

Preceding her in death was her husband Glenn Garton; grandson Hunter McDonnell; sister Bess Kunkel; and brother Leonard Lanka.

Survivors include her daughter Susan and her husband Denny Peterson of Ogallala and her son Tim Garton of Lewellen; grandchildren, Jason McDonnell of Ogallala and Celie (McDonnell) and her husband Tim Vaughn of North Platte. Two great-granddaughters: Shayda and Aliyah Vaughn of North Platte. Her brother Wayne Lanka and his wife Marilyn of Sequim, Wash. Sister-in-law Angeline (Aufdengarten) Lanka of Rancheater, Wyoming and also many nieces and nephews.

Cremation was chosen and there will be no viewing. A Memorial Service will be Friday, January 14, at 10 a.m. in St. Pauls Episcopal Church in Ogallala with Pastor Duane Dunwoody officiating and Rev. Chris Plantz assisting. Memorials may be given to the Garden County Nursing Home or the Lewellen Public Library. Inurnment will take place at a later date.

Online condolences may be sent to [webmaster@drauckerfh.com](mailto:webmaster@drauckerfh.com).

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.